

CHS NEWS

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NEWS BRIEFS

WalkAmerica is April 14

The annual March of Dimes WalkAmerica is Friday, April 14 from 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. on the Capitol grounds. Employees can complete the walk anytime during that time. Shuttle buses for CHS employees will run from 11 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Anyone interested in participating or making a donation contact Roger Smiley at 502/564-2888.

Spring Sale April 14

The annual Spring Product Sale held by Community Mental Health and Mental Retardation Programs will be April 14 in the CHR Building lobby from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Furniture, wood products, stools and candy will be sold.



It is important to know the name of any medicines you are taking, what it's supposed to do, when you are supposed to take the medicine and how long you are supposed to take it. You also need to know possible side effects and what to do if they occur. Write down questions to ask your doctor or pharmacist.

Childrens' Commission In Spotlight At Washington Conference

The Kentucky Commission for Children with Special Health Care Needs was in the spotlight at the recent annual meeting of the Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs in Washington, D.C.

Ann Marks, the commission's director, gave a presentation on transitioning adolescents with special health care needs toward adult health care and vocational goals. It is an area where the Kentucky program is considered a leader. The Commission competed with 14 other states and six private sector organizations to win a \$1.2 million transition



Marks

grant last year from the Maternal and Child Health Bureau.

The Commission for Children is dedicated to helping children with special health care needs reach their full potential. In order to meet the needs of their clients, questionnaires are being given to all children who attend Commission clinics. These survey tools help staff and families to identify areas of concern such as healthcare, independence, school, and work.

Outcome measurements are a key component of the grant and help showcase the benefits of the program. For example, if eight of these young people are employed at the average Kentucky wage over an 18-year period, the initial \$1.2 million dollars grant investment will be returned to the state.

Two Food Safety Employees Honored

Two employees of the Food Safety Branch in Public Health recently received two public/environmental health awards.

Joe H. Rogers, an area food inspector from Nelson County, received the 2000 Kentucky Association of Milk, Food and Environmental Sanitarians "Sanitarian of the Year" Award. The award was presented during the association's Feb. 24 meeting in Louisville.

Carolyn Boaz, a technical consultant for the Food Safety Branch in Princeton, received the 2000 Kentucky Public Health Association "Environmental Service, Environmentalist of the Year" Award. She received her award during the group's conference March 28 in Louisville.

These awards are presented to individuals who make meritorious contributions to the field of public/environmental health.



Rogers



Boaz

Security Guide For HR Complex Being Drafted

The procedural guide on building security for the Frankfort Human Resources Complex is being reviewed. Over the next few weeks, we'll try to acquaint you with the system and things related to security. A few examples:

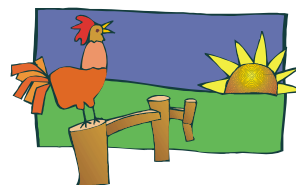
- Seven card readers have been installed for routine access to the complex. More will be added if necessary.
- The security system is tied to the emergency generators and provides continued entry access during a power outage. Panic bars will allow you to leave anytime.
- Vital Statistics visitors will enter through the visitor door and have direct access without requiring a badge.
- Changes will occur with some assigned parking. Approximately 30 assigned parking spots will be moved to the main parking area. Disabled parking will be moved up the hill to the building level. When planning is complete, a diagram will be provided.
- A roll up door will be installed in the breezeway between buildings, near the snack bar, to restrict vehicle access. Movement between buildings will be unrestricted through internal hallways.
- Visitors will have an easily visible badge that is displayed at all times. Visitors will be escorted at all times. Visitors may move about a work area with some ease, but must be escorted when they leave. The

visitor must be met at the visitor access entry, signed in, and issued a badge. When they leave, they must be escorted to an exit and the badge retrieved and returned to the visitor entrance.

- Guidance will be provided on suggested ways of dealing with individuals in the hallways that you may observe not wearing a badge. Common sense and professional courtesy are encouraged at all times.

Wake-Up Wednesdays Resume In May

CHS is again holding Wake-Up Wednesday. Wake-Up Wednesday is an opportunity for CHS employees to have some fun and learn something too. It is designed to be a morale booster and a break from work. Supervisors are encouraged to let employees attend. All events are scheduled in the CHS Auditorium from 8:30-10 a.m. Here's the schedule:



May 3: Let's Get Physical 2000
July 26: Verbal Judo
Aug. 9: Techniques for Dealing with Whiners, Manipulators & Other Pains In The Backside
Sept. 13: Shifting to the Right Side of the Brain
Oct. 11: I Have Something To Say: Using the Grievance Process
Nov. 8: Deferred Compensation: What's In It For You?
Dec. 13: What Do you Expect of Me? Using the Performance Review Effectively



THE FIRST COPY of the Healthy Kentuckians 2010 report was presented last Tuesday to CHS Secretary Jimmy Helton (far right) by Margaret Stapleton, the project coordinator. Dr. Rice Leach, public health commissioner, looks on. The report will be used to plan and evaluate public health efforts for the next decade.

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